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- d. ☒ the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
- e. ☒ the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference: U.S. 5,442,466 corresponds to JP 6-37994
5. ☐ A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AA	✓ 5,442,466	8/1995	Kameyama et al.			
	AB						
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	AJ	✓ 9-116709	5/1997	JP			abstract
	AK	✓ 6-37994	2/1994	JP			
	AL	✓ 9-289562 ✓	11/1997	JP			abstract
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